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**Memo to Beechnut Nutrition Site File**

Date: October 18, 2016

Subject: Phone conversations between EPA OSC Keith Glenn and John Ziggas III.

The following are noted taken on August 24, 2016:

I called John Ziggas at the phone number provided by Walter Sainsbury. The call commenced at approximately 2:30 pm and I called from the EPA Buffalo Field Office using their phone line. A male, self-identified as John Ziggas, answered the phone fairly quickly and I identified myself, agency and title. I told Mr. Ziggas that I was calling about the Beechnut Nutrition plant located in Canajoharie, NY. I stated that I understood it was owned by TD Development Inc. and that TD Development Inc. was owned by 725 Bank Street Development. I stated he was the listed owner of 725 Bank Street. He agreed. I told him that EPA was concerned about the asbestos located at the plant and Mr. Ziggas stated that Todd Clifford performed illegal asbestos abatement actions at the property when he owned it. Mr. Ziggas then stated that he is not the owner of 725 Bank Street and that he sold it to Robert Hunt. When asked where Mr. Hunt lives, he stated somewhere in Arizona, possibly outside of Phoenix, possibly Scottsdale. I asked when he sold the property, Mr. Ziggas stated in June [2016]. He stated that he packaged TD Development Inc., which owns the Beechnut plant, and 725 Bank Street, which owns a facility in Waterbury, CT, and sold it to Robert Hunt. I asked if he had signed paperwork associated with the sale. He stated he was waiting to receive it so he can file a 3Q form with the State of OH. I stated that since he did not have a signed document of sale, he was still the owner. As the owner I asked if he denied EPA access to the property for the removal of asbestos materials. Mr. Ziggas stated he was not the owner and could not allow or disallow access. I again stated that if there was no signed form or notice to the state of OH, he was still the owner. Mr. Ziggas stated that the form was signed by Mr. Hunt. I inquired why he did not have a signed form if he sold the property in June. Mr. Ziggas did not have a response. Mr. Ziggas stated he would provide me a copy of the unsigned agreement of sale. I asked Mr. Ziggas when he purchased TD Development Inc. and he stated he would need to look at the paperwork. I asked when it was and he stated "recent, not so recent". I asked which it was and he stated "recent". I asked if that was 3 months ago, 6 months ago, 12 months ago or longer and he stated he was not sure. I asked for a phone number belonging to Mr. Hunt and he stated he did not have one. I asked for the mailing address and he stated he did not have one. I told Mr. Ziggas that if there has an agreement of sale there would be an address and other contact information on it. He stated he would email me the unsigned document. I asked how he communicated with Mr. Hunt and he stated through Jeff Wendel. I asked how he could purchase TD Development Inc. in the last 3 months and not have information. He stated that he never said he purchased the company in the last 3 months. He then told

me that there was question if TD Development Inc. owned Beechnut since Jeff Wendel had something from the town where the Mayor states Todd Clifford still owns the Beechnut plant. I told Mr. Ziggas that there is clear, available documentation that shows a sale of property from Todd Clifford to TD Development Inc. I told him I looked forward to receipt of the document. I reiterated his email address as fregty9@yahoo.com and he stated that was correct. The phone call ended around 2:45 pm.

I sent an email to Mr. Ziggas asking for the document.